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Dear Neighbors,

After a long and wild winter, summer is finally here! During these warm, sunny months, I hope you will join me in visiting South King County's abundant farmers markets, festivals, parades, and farms.

Our community is blessed with a tremendous number of local family farms that grow everything from berries to lavender to alpacas. In this annual summer newsletter, I've highlighted some of the many great farms right here in South King County.

Many of these farms, and countless other vendors, also take part in our area's great farmers markets. At our farmers markets you can buy fresh fruits and veggies, listen to great local musicians, and sample locally prepared food. There are even activities for the kids!

Cities in South King County also host great summer festivals. If you love soccer, check out the All Nations Cup in Tukwila. This exciting event includes soccer teams from all over the world and an international festival that's hard to rival. If boats are among your interests, head to the Des Moines Marina Day and learn about our area's abundant boating activities. More information about these and other great events are inside.

In addition to this farms, farmers markets and festivals guide, I will send out supplemental e-newsletters with more info on all the summer fun South King County has to offer. You can sign up on my website at <http://www.metrokc.gov/patterson>. Once you sign up you'll receive regular e-newsletters on important and interesting King County news.

I hope that you will have the chance to enjoy the many events that make our Northwest summer truly great!

Sincerely,

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The information in this brochure is available in alternate format upon request. Alternate format includes Braille, large print and/or audio.

June 22-24: SeaTac International Festival
Angle Lake Park – Food, activities, booths and more!
206.973.4800
www.ci.seatac.wa.us/park/seinternationalfestival.htm

June 23: SeaTac International Parade, 10:30am
Tyee High School to S. 188 St to 33rd. S. through Angle Lake Park to the Alaska Airlines parking lot

July 13-29: All Nations Cup
Starfire Sports Complex-Fort Dent Park – Over 40 teams representing their homelands plus an international festival with food, music, dance, and entertainment from around the world.
206.267.9000 • www.allnationscup.org

July 14: Tukwila Days Community Festival
Tukwila Community Center – Music, arts and crafts, entertainment, games, kid's day activities, food and fun!
206.768.2822 • www.ci.tukwila.wa.us/recreation/recmain.htm

July 12-15: Kent Cornucopia Days
Various locations – Dragon boat races, soccer tournament, 5k run/walk, street fair and more!
253.852.LION • www.kcdays.com

July 15: Kent Cornucopia Parade, 2pm
Willis Street to James Street in Downtown Kent

July 25 & 27-29: Renton River Days noon – 10:30pm
Liberty Park – Chalk art contest, jazz night, kid's arts and crafts booths, BBQ picnic, golf tournament and more!
425.430.6528 • www.rentonwa.gov/living

July 28: Renton River Days Parade, 10am
S. 3rd St. from Shattuck Ave to Liberty Park

Aug. 11: Des Moines Marina Day, 10am – 2pm
 Celebrate National Marina Day and discover boating! Live music and concessions. A fun event for the entire family!
206.824.5700 • www.desmoineswa.gov

JULY 4TH FIREWORKS

Des Moines Fourth of July
 Des Moines Marina, 22307 Dock Ave S
 10pm, with a Carnival beginning at 6pm

Kent 4th of July Splash
 Lake Meridian Park, 14800 SE 272nd Street
 Noon until the last firework is lit

Renton's Fabulous 4th
 Coulon Beach Park, 1201 Lake Wa Blvd.
 Noon – 10:30pm

Tukwila Family 4th
 Fort Dent Park, 6800 Fort Dent Way • 4 – 11pm

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Farmers Markets

1 Des Moines Farmers Market

In its second year, the Des Moines Farmers Market is dedicated to good stewardship of the environment and your health.

Saturdays 10am – 2pm, from June 2 – October 27

In South Marina Park at the corner of S 227th and Dock Street.

www.farmingandtheenvironment.org • 206.622.1340

2 Kent Farmers Market

The Kent Farmers Market, in its fourth year as an open air market, features in-season vegetables, fruits, flowers, plants and crafts.

Saturdays 9am – 2pm, from June 2 – September 29

On the corner of 4th Ave and Smith Street in Downtown Kent

www.kentfarmersmarket.com • 253.486.9316

3 Renton Farmers Market

The Renton Farmers Market features fresh, grown-in-Washington produce, flowers and select locally-made food products. Musical entertainment and children's activities too!

Tuesdays 3pm – 7pm, from June 5 – September 18

In Renton Piazza on 3rd St. between Logan and Burnett Ave

www.gorenton.com • 425.228.2953

4 Tukwila Farmers Market

In its third year, the Tukwila farmers market features local produce and crafts, as well as live music.

Wednesdays 12pm – 6pm, from July 11th – August 29th

Corner of 144th and Tukwila International Blvd

www.ci.tukwila.wa.us/farmersmarket/farmersmarket.htm

Farms

5 Carpinito Brothers Farm

Carpinito, family owned for over 30 years, has landscaping and gardening supplies like bark, topsoil and gravel, as well as flowers, hanging baskets, vegetable starts, nursery stock, planters, seeds, tools and gloves. They also grow and sell a wide variety of fresh produce picked daily.

Monday – Friday, 9am – 7pm

Saturday 8am – 7pm • Sunday 8am – 6pm

1148 N. Central, Kent • 253.854.5692

6 Chelsea Farms

Home to more than 100 Suri and Huacaya Alpacas, Chelsea Farms offers alpacas for sale, plus breeding and boarding services. Chelsea Farms also has a wide variety of fiber, yarn, clothing and gift items in our farm store.

Open by appointment only

19450 208th Ave SE, Renton

www.thealpaplacelace.com

425.413.3900

7 Fruit Tree Nursery

The Fruit Tree Nursery grows a variety of shrubs and trees; both coniferous and deciduous. Also, 20 varieties of lavender plants.

Monday – Friday, 8am – 6pm

Saturday 9am – 5pm • Sunday 10am – 4pm

25189 Frager Rd S, Kent • 253.852.9233

8 Minters Earlington Greenhouse & Nursery

They are a full service nursery and greenhouse. They grow on site many annuals, baskets and containers, perennials and nursery stock. They also grow a vast array of vegetable starts for your garden.

Monday – Saturday 10 – 6 • Sunday 10 – 5

13043 Renton Ave. S, Seattle

www.minters.com • 425.255.7744

9 Renton Lavender Farm

The Renton Lavender Farm features U-pick (from among over 2000 plants) or purchase dried or fresh lavender in the Lavender Shop.

Sunday – Friday, 9am – 6pm

14820 SE Jones Pl, Renton

206.300.1935

10 Whistling Train Farm

The Whistling Train Farm has certified naturally grown vegetables from artichokes to zucchini. Also, fresh eggs and naturally-raised pork available.

Open by appointment.

27127 78th Ave S, Kent

www.whistlingtrainfarm.com • 253.859.5197

11 T & M Berries

T & M Berries features U-Pick naturally grown strawberries in the summer and pumpkins in the fall.

Daily during the season at 8am

27329 78th Ave S, Kent

253.859.4193 or 253.941.1435

12 Serena Farms

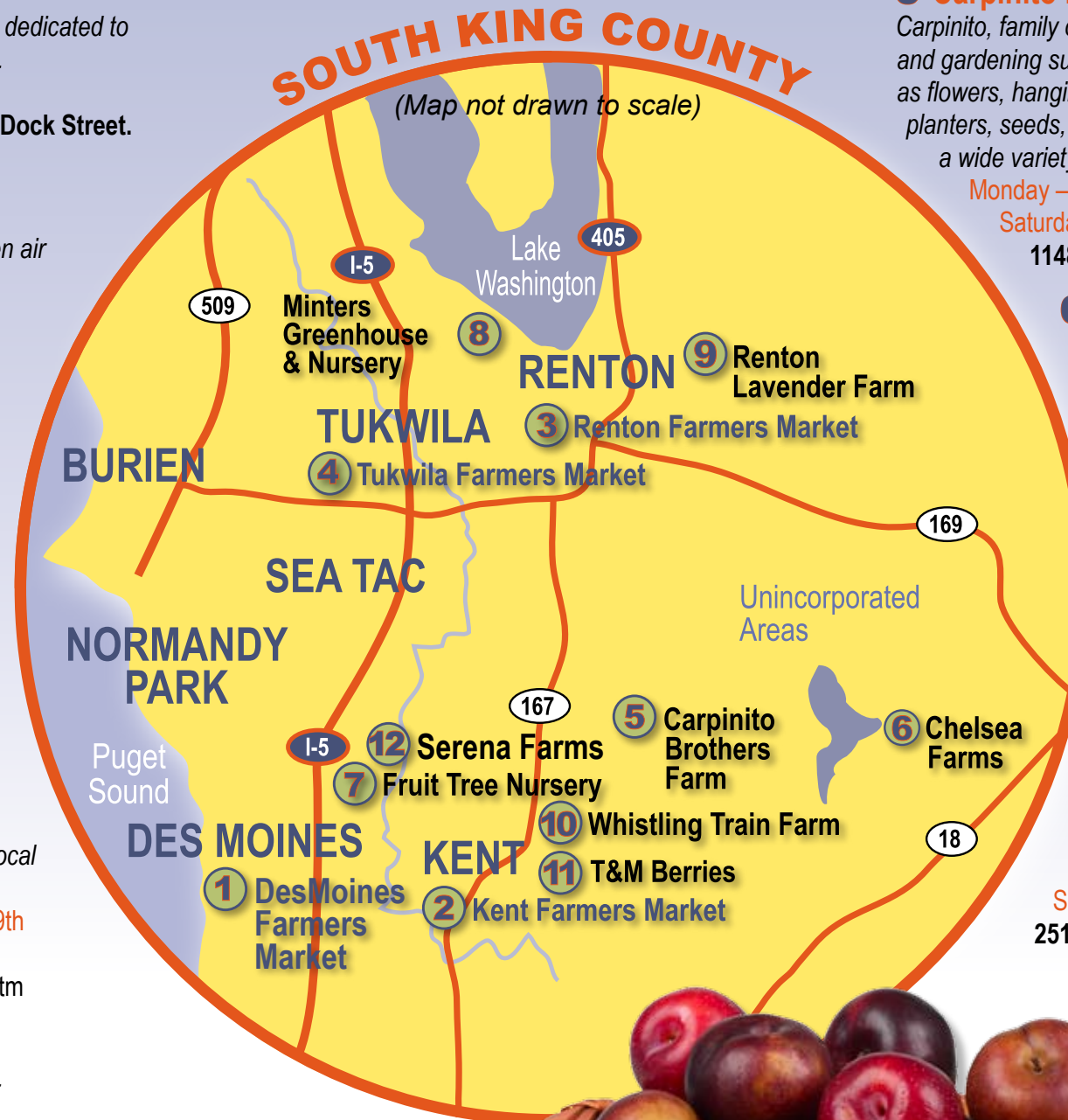
Serena Farms is a family owned farm and is currently the largest grower of pumpkins in the Kent city limits.

Visit in the fall for pumpkins and squash

October 6 – October 31, Noon – dusk

4400 S 212th St, Kent

253.261.8789



Julia and Mayor Mullett attend the Tukwila Farmers Market opening

